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Retro homecoming headed to campus

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The Student Programming Board is sponsoring various events beginning on Feb. 16 in the SFLC building and continuing through Feb 21.

Vice President of the SPB, Jennifer Dinell, said " we took student input to chose the theme for this year's dance and we hope that students realize this."

The dance, which is free to PUC students, will be held following the basketball games on Saturday Feb. 21 at the Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Dinell said finger foods and non-alcoholic drinks will be served throughout the evening.

Dinell said this year's homecoming court consists of five females and four males.

SPB tried to get students outside of student organizations to run for homecoming court this year, however, no one decided to run, Dinell said.

"With opening the door to more students we were hoping to increase the amount of students that ran for the court as well as the number of students that came to the dance," Dinell said.

Students are able to vote for the king and queen on the Center for Career and Leadership website or directly on the PUC homepage, Dinell said.

"This year we are making it even easier for students to vote by setting up computers in the SFLC building and the CLO concourse," Dinell said. The king and queen will be announced at the dance, she said.

Louis Gyure, student ambassador nominee for homecoming king said, "I have never done anything like this, and I am looking forward to representing the student body."

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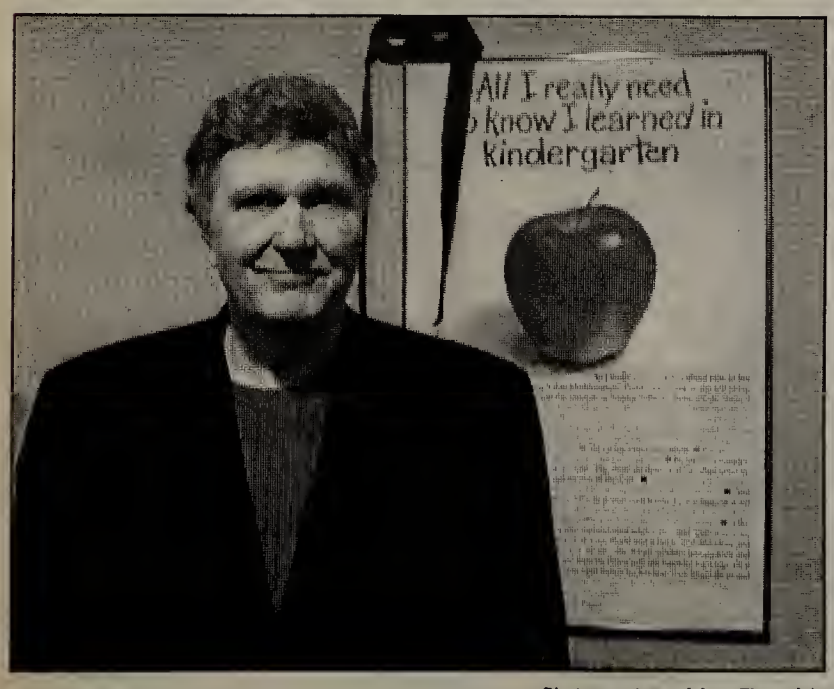
Photo by Nicole Mackowski

Student Programming Board Vice President Jennifer Dinell prepares crowns for PUC's Feb. 21st Homecoming Dance. Students can vote for homecoming king and queen online at the purdue calumet web site.

Highland entrepreneur donates $50, 000



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ThomaS Ray Crowel, a PUC graduate and business entrepreneur, donated $50, 000 to the university. The money will go towards two scholarships.

AMY FISTROVICH
Staff Writer

Many pictures and plaques hang on the walls of Thomas Ray Crowel's Highland office. He pointed out four of them: a picture of his two sons as children, a poster listing everything you learn in kindergarten, a mounted bass he caught while fishing and a picture of Mickey Mouse his publicist drew for him.

"You know what these remind me?" he asked, and then answered himself. "Family is most important, everything I need to know I learned in kindergarten, you gotta fish to relax, and some things are just Mickey-Mouse."

Crowel, a PUC graduate and business entrepreneur, recently donated $50, 000 to the university. The money will go toward two $25, 000 scholarships, one for a management student and one for a professional writing student. These scholarships are a part of the "Plan for Success" campaign started at PUC last fall. Highlights of the campaign include higher retention and graduation rates.

After establishing his business career, Crowel decided to earn a college degree at the age of 37. "I wanted to make sure I could do that," he said, referring to returning to school and earning a degree after so many years.

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Deutsch Klub reinvents itself

KENDRA JAPCHINSKI
News Editor

The Deutsch Klub provides students interested in the German language, culture and history with an opportunity to interact with each other.

The club has existed for quite a while at PUC, but most of the activities were off-campus and unpublicized outside of the foreign language department.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, associate director for student life and activities, said the club has been working very hard to re-establish themselves as a student organization.

Brittney Hruskocy, president of the Deutsch Klub, said the current group of officers and professors have been aiming to have events on-campus to get as many students as possible involved. She said knowledge of the German language has never been necessary to participate in the club's activities because its purpose is to provide students who are unaware of other cultures with the knowledge of at least one culture, German.

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SPORTS: Women's soccer intramurals! ENTERTAINMENT: Artist Ismael Muhammad Nieves!

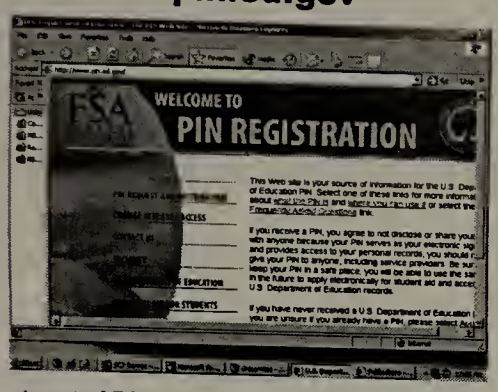
ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Applying for financial aid on line is as easy as 1-2-3

To be considered for all levels of financial aid—federal, state and institutional—for the 2004-05 academic year, students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it so it is received by the federal processor by MARCH 10.

Following are tips for filling out the FAFSA on line.

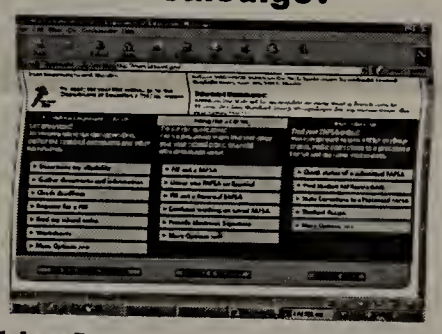
1. Before filing your FAFSA, obtain a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov



The U.S. Department of Education has requested that students (and a parent of dependent students) sign their FAFSA electronically. They can do so by using their Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is the code used to identify the student online. A PIN allows the student to

- electronically sign the FAFSA,
- check the status of the electronic FAFSA,
- make changes to their personal information online
- fill out the renewal FAFSA

2. File Your FAFSA via the WEB @ www.fafsa.ed.gov



FAFSA on the web benefits

- allows the federal processor to do a "final" check of the information inputted to be sure a student's FAFSA is ready for processing before it is submitted, thereby reducing errors;
- speeds up the FAFSA process by three to four weeks

FAFSA on the web saved information

If students are unable to complete their FAFSA all at once, they may save it on line up for up to 45 days by clicking on the "Save" button at the bottom of each step. In order to access this saved FAFSA, a student must provide the password inputted at the beginning of his/her application process. If the password cannot be recalled, the student will need to begin the FAFSA process again.

Pre-Application worksheet

For 2004-2005, the order of the FAFSA questions on the web is different than the order of questions on the paper FAFSA application. The Pre-Application Worksheet presents the questions in the same order as they are presented within FAFSA on the web. Students interested in completing the FAFSA on the web, but would like a paper copy to use as a reference, can print a "Pre-Application" worksheet by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov and clicking "Before Beginning a FAFSA" to print a copy of this worksheet.

3. Follow Up

Each student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) Information Acknowledgement in the mail about two weeks after submitting the on e-line FAFSA. Or, if a valid e-mail address is provided, students will receive an e-mail with a link to their SAR information on the web within five days. Students who do not receive such acknowledgement within these timeframes should return to Section 3 of www.fafs.ed.gov and select "Check the status of a submitted FAFSA."

To assist you in completing your FAFSA accurately and on time (received by the federal processor by March 10th), Purdue Calumet financial aid specialists will be available in the SFLC concourse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26. In addition, a workshop will be held on

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. in LAWSHE 131

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Fitness center to hold wellness seminar

The Preventive Health Care for Fitness and Wellness Seminar will be held on Feb. 18 in PER 129. The presenter will be Lisa Hodges from Hodges Chiropractic in Munster. Admission is free, but due to limited seating pre-registration is requested. To pre-register, contact the Fitness Center at (219) 989-2175.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to hold meeting

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship invites you to their Thursday night meetings: The Edge. The next meeting will be held Feb. 19 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in SFLC Room with a View (next to cafeteria). There will be a speaker, music and you'll get a chance to hang out and have fun! The topic for this week's meeting is "Christianity in the midst of other religions."

Get published: Skylark now accepting submissions

Purdue University Calumet Literary Magazine is now accepting poetry and short stories for the spring 2004 edition. Send submissions to Karen A. Tomaszewski English and philosophy department CLO 216 or to tomaszewskik1@calumet.purdue.edu.

Calumet Humane Society to hold dinner and dance

"Where Best Friends Meet" dinner and dance will be held Friday, March 12 from 6 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall in Griffith. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased in advance by calling the Calumet Humane Society at (219) 922-3811. All proceeds benefit the shelter's animals.

SHRM to present interactive interview workshop

The Society for Human Resource Management will present an interactive interview workshop on Feb. 24 from 5 to 6 p.m. in ANDR 311. All students are invited. For further information e-mail pucshrmpres@yahoo.com.

Purdue Theatre Company announces auditions

The Theatre Company of Purdue Calumet announces auditions for its spring musical, Chess. Auditions will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 25 and 26, at 7 p.m. The auditions will take place in Alumni Hall located on the third floor of the Student Faculty Library Center. Performance dates are April 23, 24, 25, 30 and May 1. For more information, contact the Purdue Theatre Company at (219) 989-2357.

CCLD currently seeking new Orientation Leaders

The Center for Career and Leadership Development seeks friendly faces to become orientation leaders. Leaders must attend a training session and be students of freshman through junior standing and have a strong commitment to the program. Events will be eight hours and are held as follows: once a week April through July and three times a week in August. For further information and an application, call Tiffany or Michele at (219) 989-4160 or send an e-mail to sanchez@calumet.purdue.edu.

Health Department holds free immunization clinic

The Hammond Health Department will be on campus Monday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. in PER 134 to conduct a free children's immunization clinic for anyne under 18 years old. All participants must have their shot record. For more information contact the Hammond Health Department at (219) 853-6358.

"Be a Miracle" Red Cross blood drive to take place

The Red Cross will be on campus February 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on February 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make an appointment call the Wellness Center at (219) 989-2709 or visit www.calumet.purdue.edu/fit-wellness/wellness.html.

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The art of learning business

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Assessments and student interviews led the School of Management to develop a new program, the Bachelor of Arts in Business.

Before the introduction of the new program, the School of Management offered three programs: the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management, the Bachelor of Science in Management and the Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Jonathan Furdek, Bachelor of Arts in Business advisor, said, "All three of these programs are similar in that they have a 'professional' curriculum, meaning that a large part of the curriculum is required."

He said, "With little room for electives, students concentrate in a functional business areas like accounting and marketing."

Furdek said the Bachelor of Science in Management is the department's largest program. He said students graduate with the ability to compete in a specialized field.

Furdek said the new Bachelor of Arts in Business program is very distinct. He said the program is structured more like a traditional arts program rather than a professional program, which means that aside from the university core and the major, there is more room for electives and minors. He said the program is designed for generalists rather than the functional area specialists.

"One might consider it to be a general business degree with room to explore outside interests," Furdek said.

He said the degree is designed for students interested in starting their own businesses or having careers in small or family businesses.

"This degree is more on the creative, people skills side of business, rather than on the analytical side," Furdek said.

The department hoped to launch the program this spring, but due to budgetary concerns it has been postponed to the upcoming fall semester. The completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Business program requires 128 credit hours of study. For further information on the degree contact the School of Management at (219) 989-2595.

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Accessibility to student organizations is key

Student organizations need to be more accessible to students. The campus boasts about having over 60 student organizations, but it is unclear where many of them are located and how many of these organizations are really active.

The student organizations office is located on the third floor of SFLC. There are 15 offices located within. Only seven of the offices have signs on their doors. The others are unmarked and appear to be storage areas. They may be used for organizations, but there is nothing that would let a student know that.

There is a link on the university website that lists all of the student organizations. There are also links to the individual organizations websites. However, of the 60 plus organizations the university boasts , only 49 are listed. Of those 49, only 14 of them offer a way to contact them, while a few of those are outdated.

Many of the student organizations on campus do not utilie the space provided for them and do not offer a means to contact them through the Internet. It is difficult to figure out how many of the organizations on campus are active at all when there is no way to get in touch with them.

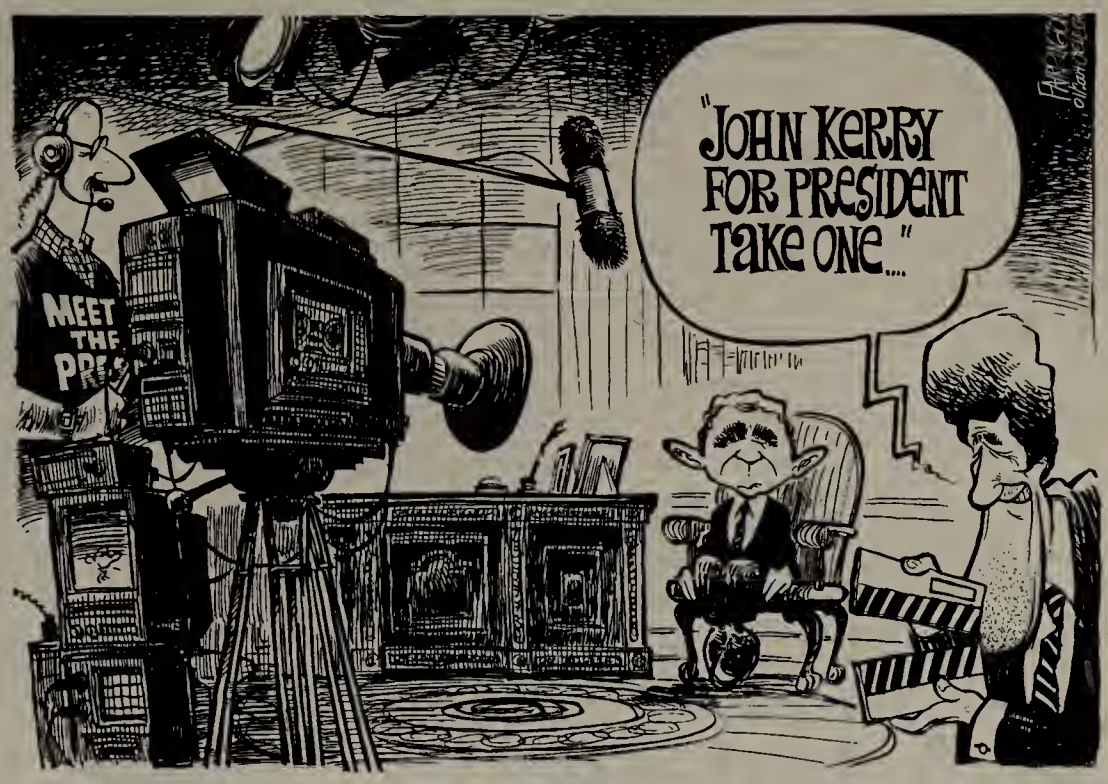
Since this is a commuter campus, it is extremely important for student organizations to be readily accessible to students in order to get them involved. Students don't want to search all over campus to find a club they want to join, they want to be able to find the club in a relatively easy way.

The first thing some of the student organizations can do isput a sign on the door, that is, if they already have an office in the student organizations office. Also, these clubs and the ones that already have signs on their doors should list office hours and other means to contact someone involved in the club. That way if a student walks by, they can either find a time to come back, or contact a member in another way.

Second, the organizations should make sure they have a description of their club and a website that is linked to the university Web site. This way, if a student does not have the time to look for an organization while on campus he or she can find more information on the Internet. Also, if an organization has a Web site already, they should make an effort to update it periodically so that students are exposed to current information.

Last, there are flyers hanging on bulletin boards all over campus, but it seems that only the same clubs advertise on them. Student organizations that are having meetings should advertise their meetings on the bulletin boards. Even if they are not having a meeting, they should hang flyers telling students how to contact them, especially if they do not have office space.

Student organizations already have one strike against them since students commute to campus. They should make an effort to not add another one by making themselves more accessible. If student organizations were to make themselves more accessible they may find they will have more success recruiting and retaining members.



Adults can be kids too

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As a child, I'm sure you can remember your parents, or some other authority figure telling you to "act more like an adult" or "there's a time and place for everything." When I was a child, I heard this way to many times and it always got under my skin. I remember thinking "Why are adults so serious, do they even remember how to have fun? Is life so stressful, that fun is off limits to them?"

As the years go by and I become an adult, I understand exactly what they mean. The daily demand and responsibilities of the real world overwhelm us, leaving leisure time on the back burner. However, that does not mean adults can't rely on their own special amusement.

Each person has his or her own favorite pastime to depend on when it's appropriate. Some choose sports, going out to a game or a movie. Many adults even play video games.

One of my favorite hobbies is doll collecting. For people that know me, I buy a doll from Ebay at least once a month. I am currently into American Girl dolls made by the Pleasant Company. These dolls are expensive—between $50 and $100 on Ebay, or $84 at the American Girl Place in downtown Chicago or New York. I have only visited the Chicago store a few times, but when I do go, I feel like an 8-year-old at Christmas. All of the dolls are so divine, the store itself is intriguing. I always end up writing a check to buy something, even if it's just a $24 doll outfit. Despite my financial situation, I have acquired eight dolls, and I am not planning to stop anytime soon. Along with writing, doll collecting keeps me grounded and sane. When adult life gets too bad, I can always go to my room and adore my precious vinyl babies until everything seems okay.

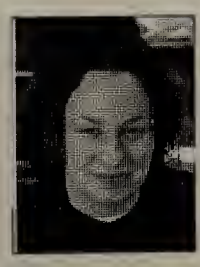
I believe it is beneficial for every adult to have a hobby or favorite pastime. Various people may laugh when I tell them I collect dolls, but I don't care because I love dolls. My son has asked me, "When are you going to stop playing with dolls?" After I giggle, I respond, "When you stop playing video games!" Since he is male, that means never, right?

Whatever your pastimes or hobbies are, all adults need to let their hair down every once in a while. I strongly believe there is a time and a place for everything. Although we have responsibilities that require attention on an adult level, that doesn't mean we have to give up entirely on being a kid.

The People Speak

Question of the week: What do youy think of homecoming on campus?

Dan Zimmerman
senior majoring in radio and television.
"I need a date to go to the dance so if anyone is interested come and find me in the cafeteria on Monday and Wednesday at 12:30."



Angie Johnson
junior majoring in radio and television.
"I think this is a great chance for students to get to know each other, but I just don't have the time to go."

Mallory Retz
sophomore majoring in secondary education.
"Homecoming is too much like high school, and the court is ridiculous."

Dana Diaz
junior majoring in radio and television
"If I had the chance to dance the night away with someone that I loved then I would go."

Elah Powell
junior majoring in political science
"I think that homecoming is a waste of time. The money used for homecoming can go to better things than to a dance, which creates a high school environment."

Wesley Kopp
junior majoring in accounting
"I like homecoming the way that it is now with the game ceremony and the dance directly following."

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Crowel

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Crowel also returned to school to set an example for his two sons, Thomas and Robert. They graduated high school shortly before he made the decision to return, and Crowel took on extra credit hours so he could graduate quickly. It took him three years, and he earned his clinical psychology degree in 1981.

"I felt it was time to reach out and help others," said Crowel of the money he donated. If you've become successful and there are others who need a boost, you are should help out in some way, said Crowel, who greatly values education he recieved at PUC. "I hold Purdue University Calumet at the same level that I hold Purdue University Lafayette."

Chancellor Howard Cohen called Crowel's generosity "inspiring." He said the students who earn these scholarships can become as successful as Crowel himself.

Crowel has indeed been successful in business. He established Crowel Company Insurance in 1964, and he also created the popular cartoon character Lantern Man. Crowel said at the time he established his insurance company, insurance agents were seen as stiff and greedy. He thought Lantern Man would be seen as friendly and people would come to like him.

Patricia Gillham, who has worked with Crowel for 20 years and been his publicist for 5, said she loves working with him. "I've stayed so long because it's like family," she said.

In addition to his insurance and finance companies, Crowel is also president of the Spot Not car wash chain, which was his son Robert's idea. Crowel wrote two books – "Dirty Little Tricks: How Sales People Are Robbing You Blind" and "Simple Selling: Common Sense That Guarantees Your Success" – and is in the process of writing his third. He also served on various committees such as the Lake County Mental Health Board and the Political Risk Management Subdivision.

Crowel won the Distinguished Corporate/Community Service Award from PUC in 2003 for his service to the school and community. He also received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 1995. This is a very distinguished honor bestowed upon Hoosiers who have been of great service to the state of Indiana. Evan Bayh, then governor and now state senator, chose Crowel to be presented with the award.

When it comes to being busy, Crowel offers this advice to college students: "Stress is a part of life. You've got to organize your time and make the best of it." However, people also need to know when it is acceptable to waste time, he said. When things become too stressful, "you have to learn to waste time. You know, go fishing."

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"Being knowledgeable about another culture and language is an asset in today's world, plus it looks good on a resume," Hruskocy said. "I hope the club will encourage people to check out different languages and try something new," Hruskocy said.

She said the club already has a very large interested group, but is still looking for people to get involved on different activity-planning committees.

Since the club became active at the end of last semester, they have taken a trip to Chicago and held two study sessions to tutor beginning-level German students.

"We went to Christkindlmarket in Chicago on the last Friday of the semester. Vendors from Germany, Austria, Poland and Russia were there with traditional food, gifts and Christmas ornaments," Hruskocy said. "It was good for the students that can speak German because they could talk to the vendors and get some language practice in."

Dan Vadas, treasurer of the Deutsch Klub, said that right now the club has been planning Kaffeestunde, which will take place on Feb. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in CLO 180.

"Kaffeestunde is a coffee hour for students to meet new people and practice German," Vadas said.

He said the club has also been planning a game night and a music night. He said both events are still in the works, but that the music night would feature modern German music.

For more information of the Deutsch Klub contact Brittney Hruskocy at pucdeutschklub@hotmail.com

Photo by Nicole Mackowski

Student Government Association Vice President of finance Anthony Nichols and SPB Vice President Jennifer Dinell unpack coffee mugs for "Operation Night Café".

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Gyure said he is involved all over campus and really wants students to know what happens at PUC.

Anthony Nichols, Student Government Association's vice president of finance, also wants to make students aware of what is coming up at PUC.

Nichols said the SPB will also we handing out candy bar during the week as a reminder to the student body about the dance.

A pep rally will be held in the TV Lounge in the SFLC Building at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16. Students are encouraged to wear black and gold on Monday to show their school spirit.

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, Anthony Nichols will be hosting games shows in the SFLC TV Lounge. Beginning at noon students are invited to "tune in" for a $300 game of Name that Tune. Followed at 1 p.m. by the Match game.

Nichols said, "I have done the game shows before but this is the first time I have ever done two in one day. I am looking to make these games as exciting as possible."

SPB is looking for individuals with large knowledge of music to participate in the games, Nichols said.

"We always have a great turn out for the games, and we hope to get a positive reaction from the audience," Nichols said.

Students are invited to come and "hang out" in the TV Lounge on Wed. as the SPB sponsors "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease," which will be showing continually throughout the day.

"We wanted to keep with our retro theme in showing the movies and these are two strong choices that everyone loves," Dinell said.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, associate director of student life and activities, said, "SPB has done everything that they can with their limited amount of resources to make this dance a success."

She said the blues band the "Southsiders" will be providing spectators of the Lakers games with music during their pre-game, halftime and post-game performances.

Homecoming is sponsored by SPB. UPS provided SPB with Homecoming flyers to showcase the week's festivities.

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Entertainment

Artist's canvas blends art, science

DONNA GEORGE
Chief Copywriter

The bold, vibrant paintings of PUC student Ismael Nieves, on display at Uncle Freddy's Gallery in Hammond, created an oasis of warmth and color against the cold, gray February night on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The evening marked the opening of Nieves' show, which includes 38 works from his collection. Bold, fun and awesome were among the comments exchanged between visitors to the exhibit.

Hammond resident, Cynthia Frederick, said, "It's cool the way he can express his feelings and emotions."

Jim Morey, also from Hammond, said, "His use of color is dynamic. It just jumps off the wall."

Nieves, a 35-year-old senior majoring in electrical engineering, said that although the inspiration for many of his paintings comes from the jazz, hip-hop and "afro-pop" music he listens to while painting, he draws on a lot of mathematical principles in his work.

"Art and science follow parallel roads," Nieves said. "I use my art for problem solving like you use mathematics in engineering."

He said that with every great scientific discovery in history there was an art movement that preceded it.

"Art is the brainstorming part of engineering. Engineering fine tunes it," Nieves said.

Nieves, who spent his childhood on New York City's lower east side, first expressed his artistic talents publicly as a graffiti artist or "tagger" while a student at East Chicago Central High School in East Chicago, IN. It was during this time he adopted the pseudonym "Ish."

He belongs to a graffiti artists group called "Crazy Indiana Style Artists." He said there are eight in the group who have been together for 20 years.

It was during the early years as a graffiti artist that Nieves first caught the eye of gallery owner and art instructor Tom Torleumka.

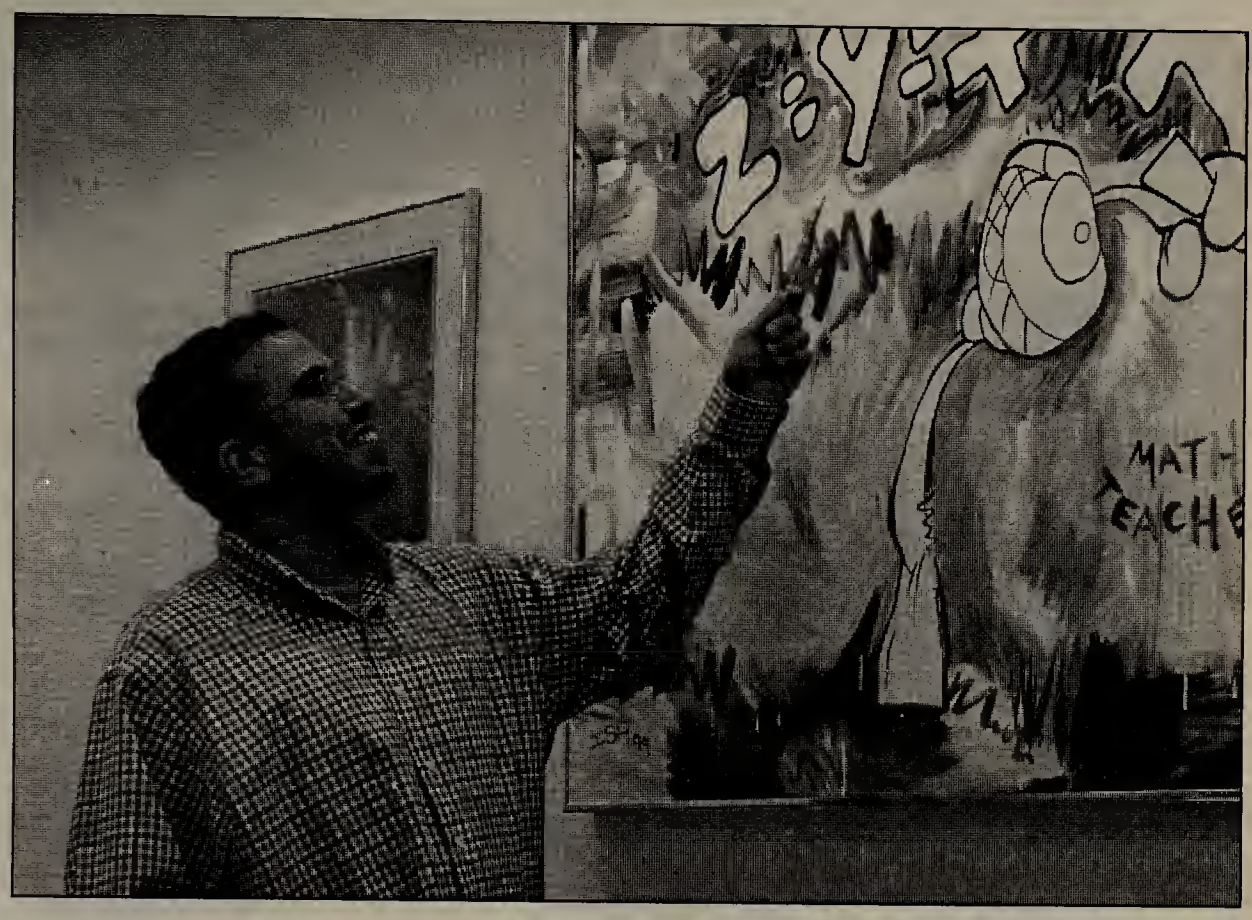

Photo by Donna Georgel

Ismael Muhammad Nieves, better known as "Ish," explains the inspiration for his painting, which hangs in the CLO third floor faculty lounge. Nieves said that when now retired Professor Troy taught math he would get a crazed look on his face. The eye represents that look. The black in the background represents the blackboard.

Torleumka was among a panel of judges in a graffiti mural art contest sponsored by the Chicago Transit Authority. He said that Nieves's crew won first place in the contest a few times.

Torleumka said that when he started to organize exhibitions in the Hammond area he wanted to include the graffiti artists.

"I believed he (Nieves) really had it, even straight off the street," Torleumka said. "I believed he could be an easel artist, not just a street artist."

Torleumka, co-owner of Uncle Freddy's gallery, said, "Ish's art style is rhythmic expressions from the Hohman streets."

Roman Villareal, owner of a South Chicago sculpture studio, said, "It's a fusion of the old style and the new. You still see the street. This is true original American art."

The Indiana State Museum recently commissioned three paintings, which Nieves collaborated on with fellow graffiti artist Matt Lawrence, to be displayed in the Chicano Visions show which is currently on display in Indianapolis.

Nieves's first solo art show was in the library at Purdue University Calumet. He said it helped give him confidence.

"The library wasn't professional, but it was perfect," Nieves said. "That's what this place is. You're not necessarily ready, but this place gets you there."

Nieves shows his commitment to helping promising high school students "get there" through his involvement with PUC's Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

He has been a member since 1998 and served as president for two years, 1999 and 2000.

The group focuses on community outreach, leadership development and fundraising (providing scholarships). He said during his two years as president the group awarded 11 scholarships totaling $6,500 to high school students who planned to attend PUC.

Nieves understands the importance of financial aid. Pell grants and student loans have helped Nieves and his wife Stephânie Lovelace-Nieves, a recent PUC graduate, realize their educational goals.

He said the society tries to promote engineering and technology as an option to the Latino community.

"A lot of urban students have domestic issues that affect their GPA's," Nieves said. "We offer a realistic option."

Nieves tried several different options himself before enrolling part-time at PUC in 1996, including a four-year stretch in the US Army. He is a Desert Storm veteran.

Although he is a full-time student now, until fall of 2003 Nieves worked and went to school part-time due to his responsibilities as the father of four. He said it's hard to study sometimes because of time constraints, but he said, "I lean on my art to help me through the engineering."

David Kozel, electrical option coordinator, said that as a student Nieves not only cares about doing well in class, he wants to truly understand how things work and how to apply them.

"He's not just in it for the grade. He strives for a deeper understanding," Kozel said.

Nieves search for deeper understanding also manifests itself in his artwork.

"Each painting is real personal to me," he said. "It's me dialoguing with myself."

Nieves's wife Stephanie said that he has been inspired to tap into different styles of art as he gets older.

"He's grown a lot as an artist. It's his life," Stephanie said. "It puts him at peace. For some people it's a hobby. For him…it's deeper."

The Darkness sees the light of love

JOE JUAREZ
Distribution Manager

The Darkness has landed on U.S. soil from their native, England with their debut album. The album, which is aptly titled, "Permission to Land," has reintroduced fans to a rock era when musicians had long hair, showed off their bare chests and made people of both sexes idolize their showmanship.

The era, otherwise known as glam-rock is what defines The Darkness. With musical influences from glam bands like Queen and The New York Dolls, the band's seem may look a little feminine. But after hearing these guys perform with loud guitars along with the angelic voice of singer, Justin Hawkins, it won't matter because you will be more into the music instead of looks.

"Permission to Land" gives listeners a break from the everyday listening of the current trends of pop music and makes them focus more on what really hard rock is all about. Beginning with "Black Shuck" and continuing with "Get Your Hands Off My Woman," you may chuckle a bit when you hear Hawkins' high-pitched falsetto. But when you hear their biggest hit, "I Believe In A Thing Called Love," the chuckling might get a little louder. In fact if you heard him sing, you might hesitate to imitate him.

"I Believe In A Thing Called Love" is receiving heavy video airplay on both MTV and VH1. The video features the band at its best, playing music in front of multiple speakers in a spaceship, while fighting an octopus-like creature with a guitar loaded with lasers. The idea of the video is that Hawkins, along with his brother/guitarist Dan Hawkins, drummer Ed Graham and bassist Frankie Poullain, would do anything for their special someone, even if it involves fighting an octopus-like creature.

Aside from the humor in "…Love," the band has a serious side when it comes to love. In "Love Is Only A Feeling," Hawkins is singing about someone laying eyes on someone else for the first time when they were young. As time flashes by they're attached but the fear of the romance ending is ever so close and they don't want to believe it.

"Permission to Land" is the perfect debut from a band that has already made a name for itself on the other side of world. It is still too early to tell whether or not these guys will make an impact in the U.S. But in a way they have found the love already with just their presence and the fact that they brought glam-rock and arena rock back into the mainstream.

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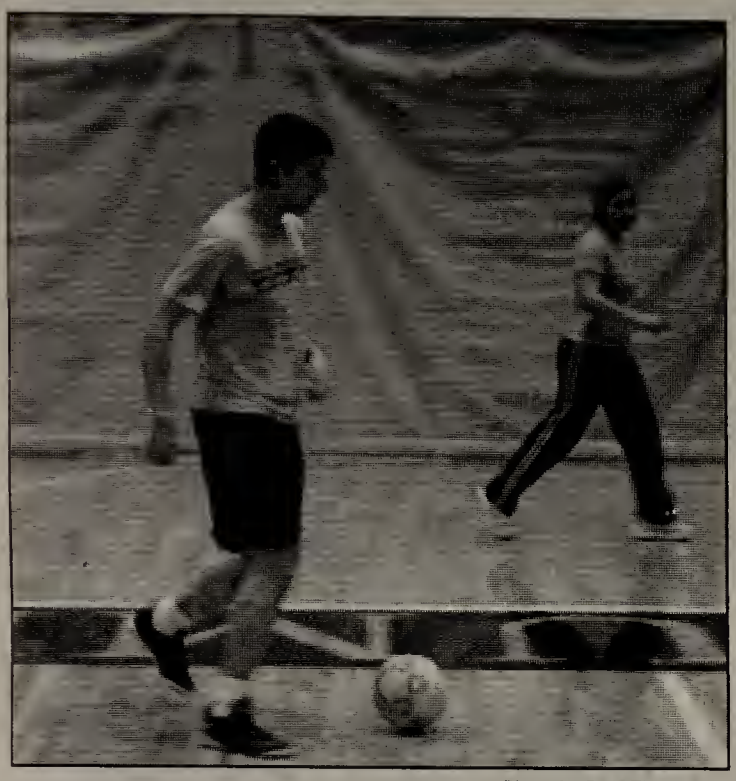

Photo by Dave Thompson

Jim Drzewiecki scrimmages with the ladies on the first night of women's indoor intramural soccer. Drzewiecki brought soccer to the PUC scene last fall with the first year of the men's soccer club.

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

Tuesday night highlighted a milestone for the Total Fitness Center's intramural program with the start of the first all-female intramural women's indoor soccer.

"It's a big step forward for the program," TFC sports coordinator Matt Dudzik said.

He said there were 18 players who showed up to create four teams.

"I was hoping for three teams, but four is a good start. You have to start out small and build from there," Dudzik said.

The opening night schedule featured scrimmages, as tournament play will begin February 17.

Amy Guthrie, a senior majoring in hospitality tourism management, joined the TFC just to be part of the first run of soccer intramurals.

Guthrie, who saw the flyers around campus to join the intramurals said, "I thought this would be great to try. Co-ed is kind of scary. Playing against men three times my size is kind of iintimidating."

All the participants of the women's soccer intramural must be TFC members.

"I thought there was only going to be a couple of people here, I was shocked," Guthrie said.

Soccer is the latest intramura sport to be added to a busy spring slate. There are seven intramurals on the agenda for the spring semester. On February 2, soccer started as an all-male intramural program that will be played on continuous Mondays, while the women will match-up on Tuesdays.

Jim Drzewiecki has become one PUC student that's taken strides in potentially forming soccer into an intercollegiate sport.

"Right now, it's just an intramural, but a lot of these girls have said that they want to be part of a soccer club," Drzewiecki said.

Last fall, he oversaw the emergence of the PUC men's soccer club, which completed the first of a two-year tenure.

It's possible that the men's club could form into an actual campus team by the fall of next year.

The turnout demonstrated by the women's soccer intramural, could bring about a soccer club for females as soon as this fall.

"We did not know how this was going to be received," Drzewiecki said in reference to the turnout of 18 participates. "This is a good approach to getting a club started."

Drzewiecki will work alongside Dudzik for both the men's and women's intramural soccer programs in its first year. He will also hold the duty of refereeing.

Drzewiecki and Dudzik are not the only ones hoping for the growth of female sports at PUC.

Christy Harper, a senior majoring in OLS, said she will be part of the women's soccer intramural that will feature four teams.

"I think this is great. Hopefully more women can be involved. We could use more women's sports," Harper said.

She said that with 18 players, two teams will consist of a lone substitute.

"I have not played soccer in a while, so it's a matter of understanding all the rules," Harper said.

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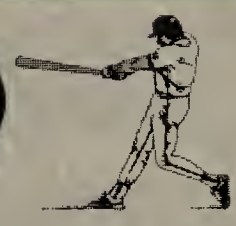

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